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ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year 1959

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REPORT OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
to the Borough of Tiverton.
For the year ended 31st. December, 1959.

7, St. Peter Street,
Tiverton, Devon.
May, 1960.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to lay before you my Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year ending 31st. December, 1959.

Area. Although the Borough covers an area of 17,680 acres, the Town itself covers 300 acres only.

Population. Estimated 11,870.

Inhabited Houses. Number in 1959 was 4056.

Rateable Value is £173,422.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate. £692

Extracts from Vital Statistics.

	Total.	Males.	Females.	
Live (Legitimate	202	94	108	Birth Rate:
Births (Illegitimate	5	1	4	17.4 per 1000
Still (Legitimate	6	1	5	Total 5
Births (Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil	Rate per 1000: 28.9

Corrected Birth Rate. 17.5 per 1000

Deaths...	...	...	...	...	...	...
190		99		91	Death Rate:	
					16.0 per 1000	

Corrected Death Rate. ... 13.1 per 1000

Deaths from Pregnancy and Childbirth, 0; Puerperal Sepsis, 0; Congenital Malformation, 3.

Deaths of Infants (under four weeks) Total 3 only.

Death rate of Infants under 1 year of age, 5 (including "under 4 weeks").

Illegitimate infants under 1 year - Nil.

Illegitimate infants under 4 weeks - Nil.

Deaths from Measles ... - Nil.

" " Whooping Cough... - Nil.

" " Diarrhoea... - Nil.

Deaths from Cancer, 36.

Uterus	-		Female	1
Breast	-		"	2
Bronchus	-	Male 4	"	2
Stomach	-	" 5	"	1
Other	-	" 15	"	6
Sites)				
		<u>24</u>		<u>12</u>

Total 16 more than in 1958 and 1957.

It will be seen that deaths from cancer is the highest yet recorded and has nearly doubled over last year. It is curious that the figures for the rural district have dropped by 19.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

1. Nursing in the Home. No change.
2. Domiciliary Midwifery is carried out by the two district nurses.
3. Laboratory Facilities. There are two in the Area - The County Laboratory and that connected with the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital.
4. Hospitals:-

Post Hill Hospital caters for Medical and also convalescent cases.

Aged Sick. Liason with the County Welfare Department is vastly improved with a consequent disappearance of "insolvable problems". Nevertheless I consider Hostel accommodation for these people is inadequate and this results in Hospital beds being blocked by aged people.

Whipton Isolation Hospital. Infectious cases are sent to this hospital where accommodation is always adequate.

Tiverton and District Hospital. This is now a greatly improved institution but retirements from the surgical staff are giving rise to problems as to how they are to be replaced. This matter has been energetically taken up with the Regional Hospital Board.

Our Public Health Inspector now makes regular inspections of those hospitals in the group.

Exeter City Hospital - formerly entirely for aged sick is now taking a proportion of acute surgical and medical cases from this district.

An ante-natal Clinic is held every Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. at the Tiverton and District Hospital.

A Tuberculosis Clinic is held at the Tiverton and District Hospital twice monthly.

5. Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers. None in the Area.
6. Ambulance Facilities. No change.
7. Social Worker in Mental Health and duly authorised officer - Mr. W. P. Thomas, The Clinic, St. Andrew Street.

8. Clinics and Treatment Centres:-

Minor Ailments Clinic. Wednesdays 9 - 12 a.m.
Dr. Hinde and Mrs. Sparks, the Health Visitor, in attendance.

Remedial Exercise Clinic. Wednesdays 11 - 12 a.m.
Mrs. Sparks, the Health Visitor, in attendance.

Ophthalmic Clinic. 2nd. Tuesdays in alternate months commencing January etc. Dr. Chateuredi in attendance. By appointment.

Speech Therapy Clinics. Wednesdays 9 - 12 a.m. and 2 - 4 p.m.
Miss Chapman, Speech Therapist, in attendance.

School Dental Service. Emergency treatment
Wednesdays 9 - 12.30 a.m. 1.30 - 4 p.m.
Other days by appointment.
Mr. West.. (Full time).
Orthodontic treatment Mr. Peacock by appointment.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centre. This Centre is open weekly
on Wednesdays, 2.0 to 4.0 p.m.

Ante-Natal Clinic. Thursday afternoons 2 - 4 p.m. Run by District
Midwives and Health Visitors. Talks on elementary dietetics, care of
baby etc.

The attendances for 1959 at Child Welfare Centre were as follows:-

Total infants attending for first time	...	...	...	120
Total children, 1 to 5 years, attending for first time.				2
Number on Register at end of year - Infants	...	...	95	
" " " " " " " - 1 to 5 years.	...	...	202	
Number of attendances during 1959 - Infants	...	...	1352	
" " " " " " " - 1 to 5 years.	...	...	339	

The Mothers and Children have had supervision and advice both at
the Welfare weekly by the Medical Officer and the Health Visitor, and in
their houses by the Health Visitor. Simple treatment has been given where
considered sufficient, in other cases the mothers were referred to their
private doctor for treatment.

Home Help Service. Cases are dealt with direct through Mrs. Steeksma
in conjunction with the W.V.S. Some Maternity cases in the area are
dealt with direct by the District Nurses.

The Orthopaedic Clinic was held on 52 Tuesdays during the year -
Appointments are made by the Secretary, Mrs. D. A. Birch, and this
works very well.

Number on Register 1/1/59	...	...	...	...	...	279
" " " 31/12/59..	...	...	...	...	...	227
Sessions held by Surgeons 48; After care Sister 27..	...	...	...	...	...	75
New Cases...	...	...	...	...	...	440
Discharges..	...	...	...	...	...	338
Admitted to Hospital	...	...	...	...	...	83
Average weekly attendances...	...	...	...	...	...	24
No.of attendances.	...	...	...	...	...	1402
Admissions: Adults	...	...	...	...	...	375
School Age..	...	...	...	...	...	59
Infants	...	...	...	...	...	6

440

Some of the elder patients have been trained at St. Loyes's College
for the Disabled, in connection with the Clinic, the aim being the
complete rehabilitation of the patients.

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and other Diseases.

Scabies. None reported during the year.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunization. Vaccination procedure administered by County Council and a Clinic is held for this purpose on each Wednesday. The majority of cases are dealt with by local doctors at their surgeries. The percentage of children immunised continues to be highly satisfactory.

Poliomyelitis. Registration for inoculation has proceeded a pace. Inoculation against this disease is being carried out at the local factory during working hours. The response so far has been very satisfactory and should probably reach nearly 100% for the over 40's.

Tuberculosis. New Cases and Mortality in 1959.

Public Health. (Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations, 1925).
No action taken.

Tuberculosis. NEW CASES DEATHS

Age Period.	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Meninges		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Meninges	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Age NK.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	1	3	2	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-

Notifiable Diseases.

Age Incidence.

Age Period.	Scarlet Fever	Dysentery	Puerperal Pyrexia	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 2	1	-	-	-	-	-
3 to 4	3	1	-	-	-	-
5 to 9	8	1	-	-	-	-
10 to 14	3	1	-	1	-	-
15 to 24	-	-	-	2	-	-
25 to 40	-	-	-	-	-	-
40 to 65	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age Unknown	-	-	-	1	-	-
Totals	15	3	Nil	5	Nil	Nil

Age Period.	Measles	Whooping Cough	Acute Poliomyelitis Paralytic/Non	Acute Encephalitis Infective/Post Infective
Under 1 year	5	-	-	-
1 to 2	10	-	-	-
3 to 4	13	-	-	-
5 to 9	15	1	-	-
10 to 14	1	-	-	-
15 to 24	3	1	-	-
25 to 40	-	-	-	-
40 to 65	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-
Age Unknown	-	-	-	-
Totals	47	2	Nil	Nil

Public Health Act, 1925.

No action taken.

General Observations

Public Health Staff.

It is a matter for regret that Mr. Gerald Hill is leaving us this year (August), which leaves Mr. Jeffries with the entire work of the Borough.

We feel that this will overburden him and await the outcome with some anxiety.

Polio inoculation.

Our experience in Tiverton has indicated the great value of carrying out this procedure at the factory or workplace.

At the local lace factory we maintain inoculation round about 100% of the over 40's in spite of a constant turn over of labour.

Composting.

A new sewage scheme for the Borough is now under discussion as it is becoming urgently necessary.

At the same time the question of the disposal of household refuse must shortly be tackled as the present insanitary and unsightly tip is becoming an increasing problem.

Both problems could be combined in a composting scheme and I strongly recommend that the opinion of a firm who specializes in the latest methods be consulted before the matter has gone too far.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE NICHOLSON

Medical Officer of Health

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REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

to the Borough of Tiverton

1st. January to 31st. December, 1959.

Public Health Department,
7 St. Peter Street,
Tiverton.

June, 1960.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Tiverton Borough Council.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my fourteenth Annual Report dealing with
the duties of my department during the year 1959.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

The water undertaking is now under the control of the North Devon
Water Board.

1. The water supply for the Town has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.
2. Bacteriological examinations have been made at regular monthly intervals of
the treated water going into supply. Water from the Allers supply (source
springs at Norwood Common, supplemented by pumping from River Exe) is both
filtered and chlorinated. Water from the Warnicombe supply is only chlorinated.
The public mains water at Bickleigh is from the Butterleigh supply and is
filtered and chlorinated. The waters have no plumbo-solvent action.
3. Routine samples in respect of the Allers and Warnicombe supplies have been
consistently satisfactory but the Butterleigh supply has been unsatisfactory
on two occasions.
4. The population of the Borough is 11,870 occupying 4,056 houses, the greater
number of which are supplied by means of public mains.
5. The Council owns and runs a public swimming bath. The bath is an open bath
and is used during the summer. The water is obtained from the public main
supply and a filtration and chlorination plant keeps the water in a highly
satisfactory condition. Examination of samples, taken at irregular intervals,
show the bacteriological standard to be satisfactory.

RESULTS OF SAMPLING

Source of Supply.	No. of Samples.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Allers Public Main.	11	11	-
Warnicombe Public Main.	11	11	-
Butterleigh Public Main.	11	9	2
Farms and Other Premises.	24	16	8
Swimming Bath.	3	3	-

In the case of farm premises and dwelling houses advice was given and follow up
visits made to assist in obtaining satisfactory water supplies.

FOOD

MEAT, MILK AND OTHER FOODS.

Meat.

624 Visits of Inspection were made to the Horsdon Abattoir for the purpose of meat inspection.

1. Ante and post-mortem inspections were made in the case of ALL animals slaughtered at the abattoir.
2. The Slaughterhouses (Meat Inspection Grant) Regulations, 1958.
Exchequer Grant towards cost of Meat Inspection.

1st. April 1959 to 31st. March 1960. (Note:- Financial year does not coincide with Calendar Year).

Inspection Units = 20116

Tiverton Datum

Figure = 17580

Excess = 2536 Units

Exchequer grant towards cost of meat inspection service should therefore amount to £10 -11 - 4.

The following table lists the number of animals slaughtered during the year and gives details of the amount of meat and offals condemned as diseased or unsound:-

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	1233	3	41	1367	1399
Number Inspected... ..	"	"	"	"	"
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT T.B.:-					
Whole carcasses condemned.	9	-	2	23	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	720	3	1	49	115
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than T.B.	59.12%	100%	7.31%	5.27%	8.36%
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY:-					
Whole carcasses condemned.	2	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	2	-	-	-	41
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	32%	-	-	-	2.86%

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS:-</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned... ..	2	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration... ..	2	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	Nil	-	-	-	-

<u>BEEF</u>		
<u>No. of Carcasses</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Weight</u>
1	Acute Inflammation.	400
<u>Parts of Carcasses</u>		
1	Peritonitis.	3
2	Abscesses.	5
3		8
<u>Offal</u>	Various.	7276
<u>BEEF - Tuberculosis</u>		
<u>No. of Carcasses</u>		
1	Generalised T.B.	478
<u>Offal</u>	T.B.	182
<u>BEEF - Cysticercosis</u>		
<u>Offal</u>	Cysticercus Bovis.	78
Total Weight of BEEF Condemned. 7 cwts. 3 qrs. 18 lbs		
" " " OFFAL " 3 tons.7 " 1 " 4 "		

<u>PIGS</u>			
<u>No. of Carcases.</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Weight.</u>	
2	Peritonitis & Pleurisy.	131	
<u>Parts of Carcases.</u>			
3	Acute Pleurisy.	223	
1	Injury.	14	
<u>1</u>	Oedema.	<u>14</u>	
<u>5</u>		<u>251</u>	
<u>Offal.</u>	Various.	314	
<u>PIGS - Tuberculosis</u>			
<u>Parts of Carcases</u>			
30	Tuberculosis.	417	
<u>Offal.</u>	T.B.	12	
Total Weight of PORK Condemned. 7 cwts. 0 qrs. 15 lbs.			
" " " OFFAL " 2 " 3 " 18 "			

<u>SHEEP</u>		
<u>No. of Carcases.</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Weight</u>
5	Pregnancy Toxaemia.	337
3	Septicaemia.	199
5	Inflammation & Jaundice.	260
4	Septic Metritis.	190
2	General Oedema.	69
1	" Jaundice.	50
1	" Emaciation.	15
1	" Arthritis.	23
1	Septic Pneumonia & Jaundice.	45
1	Emaciation & Jaundice.	42
<u>24</u>		<u>1230</u>
<u>Parts of Carcases</u>		
1	Fracture.	6
4	Injuries.	41
2	Pleurisy.	46
<u>7</u>		<u>93</u>
<u>Offal.</u>	Various.	292
Total Weight of MUTTON Condemned. 11 cwts. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.		
"	"	"
"	OFFAL	"
"	2	"
"	2	"
"	12	"

<u>CALVES</u>		
<u>No. of Carcases.</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Weight.</u>
1	Dead calf in utero.	56
2	Umbilical Pyaemia.	151
3		207
<u>Offal.</u>	Various.	22
Total Weight of VEAL Condemned. 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs.		
"	" " OFFAL "	22 lbs.

Condemned Meat is collected for fertilizer manufacture.

Condemned Food is used for pig food when practicable, otherwise destroyed on Council's refuse tip.

50 Visits made to shops for purpose of inspection and condemnation of unsound food

The following is a list of food condemned:-

<u>Description</u> <u>Weight</u>			<u>Description</u> <u>Weight</u>		
lbs.			lbs.		
				Br/fd.	1666 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Meat.....	455 $\frac{1}{2}$		Fish.....	70
Tinmed	Meat.....	587 $\frac{3}{4}$	Tinmed	Fisn.....	23 $\frac{1}{4}$
"	Ham.....	244 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	Cat Food.....	2
"	Milk.....	82	Dried	Fruit.....	26
"	Soup.....	2	Jars	Jam.....	1
"	Vegetables.....	74 $\frac{1}{4}$		Cereal.....	3
"	Fruit.....	216 $\frac{1}{4}$		Bacon.....	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
"	Fruit Cocktail...	44		Chicken.....	440

MILK AND OTHER FOODS.

The number of food premises in the Council's area totals 179, made up as follows:-

Table of food premises.

Dairies...	...	...	...	...	8
Meat Purveyors (Butchers)...	...	...	...	...	12
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	12
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	4
Fish and Chip Friers..	...	...	...	...	5
Restaurants and Cafés.	...	...	...	...	7
Grocers...	...	...	...	...	40
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	10
Confectioners...	...	...	...	...	16
Public Houses...	...	...	...	...	26
Off Licensed Premises.	...	...	...	...	8
Factory Canteens	...	...	...	...	4
Hospitals etc...	...	...	...	...	6
School Canteens.	...	...	...	...	15
Boarding Houses etc...	...	...	...	...	6

Total 179

Registered Premises under Sec.16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

Manufacture, Storage and Sale of Ice Cream....	59
Preparation etc. and Sale of Sausages, or Preserved Foods....	26
Dairies....	8

14 Inspections were carried out at Registered Food Premises, including dairies; In all cases of premises selling Ice Cream, refrigerators were inspected for cleanliness and temperature readings were taken. In every case the refrigerators were found to be efficient and temperatures satisfactory.

Although Ice Cream is sold from 59 premises it is manufactured on the premises in only two instances.

The Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc) Regulations are strictly enforced.

The standard of personal cleanliness in all registered premises was found to be generally high.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955 - 56.

Visits to food premises and inspections of delivery vans totalled 142.

Number of prosecutions... Nil.

Sampling.

Milk samples for biological testing taken during the year totalled 27, all found satisfactory.

Milk bottles sampled for cleanliness during the year totalled 6.

Food samples taken for testing during the year totalled 5, all found satisfactory.

SLUM CLEARANCE

During 1959, the Council passed resolutions declaring the following properties to be "Clearance Areas".

	<u>Number of Houses.</u>
(1) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 Castle Terrace and 5, 4 The Works.	9
(2) 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, Chapel Street.	19
(3) 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Richard's Buildings, 2/3 Gillard's Buildings, Barrington Street.	11
	<u>39</u>

Individual Houses Demolition Orders.

1 Stear's Court...	1
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Individual Houses Closed.

(1) 1, 2, 3, Bradford Cottages.	3
(2) 35A Chapel Street...	1
(3) 13 Barrington Street	1
	<u>5</u>

Houses Demolished during the year.

(1) 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Seward's Court, 26, 27, 28, 29 Leat Street.	16
(2) 1, 2, 3, Cowley Moor Cottages...	3
(3) 1, 3, 5, Wellbrook Street	3

Total houses demolished 22

SLUM CLEARANCE (cont'd).

Houses made fit during year. Sec. 9 & 16 Housing Act.

After informal action...	...	...	26
" formal action	...	...	7

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Out of a total of 29 "Standard Grant" applications, 28 were finally approved. During the year improvement work was completed in the case of 5 premises and Completion Certificates issued.

Also during the year 6 "Discretionary Grant" applications were finally approved, and improvement work was completed in the case of 5 premises and Completion Certificates issued.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948

In 1959, following extensive structural work, two Certificates of Adequate Means of Escape in Case of Fire were issued.

This means that all factory premises in the Borough have now been provided with adequate means of escape in case of fire and the requisite Certificates have been issued.

FACTORIES IN DETAIL.		INSPECTIONS.		
Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
(1)	(3)	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
		(4)	(5)	(6)
(i) Factories in which Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	10	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	82	28	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	22	18	Nil	Nil
Totals	114	46	Nil	Nil

Cases in which defects were found (Table Page 8.)

Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars.	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred -		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Want of cleanliness.	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding.	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences.					
(a) insufficient.	2	2	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective.	4	4	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	2	2	-	-	-
Totals	8	8	Nil	Nil	Nil

OUTWORK

Number of Out-Workers required by Sect. 110.

Class 1	...	15
" 3	...	7
" 29	...	1

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928.

A total of nine tanks were tested during the year.

Owners of petrol filling stations have been circulated and visited re the exhibition of warning notices and precautions to be observed in the filling of petrol tanks etc.

43 Licences were re-issued for the storage of 48,160 gallons of Petroleum Spirit, 48,490 gallons Petroleum Mixtures, and 260 gallons Cellulose & Thinners.

1 Licence re-issued for storage of $1\frac{1}{2}$ cwts. Carbide of Calcium.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.

24 applications were received for the registration of premises for the storage of gunpowder and mixed explosives, and Certificates of Registration were granted.

96 Inspections were carried out in connection with the above Acts.

COUNCIL'S REFUSE TIP - ASHLEY

During the year systematic disinfestation was again carried on at the Council's Refuse tip, in order to keep down the number of flies, wasps, and crickets.

Three treatments for the extermination of rats were carried out by Mr. Luxon, the Council's Rodent Operator.

Colonies of rats amounted to one reservoir and two major infestations.

RODENT CONTROL

Properties Inspected.

Local Authority	...	9
Dwelling Houses	...	90
Business Premises	...	75
Agricultural	...	<u>74</u>
Total		<u>248</u>

54 poison treatments were carried out, in addition to the systematic trapping. Since the abolition of the gin trap Mr. Luxon has used "The Fenm" trap with marked success.

Rats caught in traps during the year.

Long Drag...	...	...	11
Recreation Ground.	...	...	13
J. Heathcoat Factory	...	...	14
Hammins - Town Mills	...	...	38
Hammins - St. Andrew Street...	...	...	57
Little Silver Depot.	...	...	20
Co-operative Society, Gold St..	...	...	54
Tiverton Brewery..	...	...	51
East Devon Farmers Ltd..	...	...	67
G. Small & Son....	...	...	55
Near Bendings	...	...	17
Hay Park ...	...	...	46
Roller Mills	...	...	<u>42</u>
Total			<u>485</u>

Mr. Luxon has again given conscientious and efficient service and largely succeeded in keeping the Town and environs free from dangerous and troublesome pests.

Unfortunately, the area of infestation in the Council's sewers has extended and this is no doubt due to reversion to two annual treatments instead of four treatments per annum and suggests that more frequent treatments to sewers are necessary than the present minimum.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR

Water Samples taken:- Public Mains...	33
Other Premises & Farms.	24
Swimming Bath...	3
Slaughterhouse...	624
Dairies...	33
Food & Drugs Act.	82
Food Sampling	13
Delivery Vans	10
Milk Sampling	33
Shops Act	6
Ice Cream and Preserved Foods.	14
Food Shops re. Condemned Food.	50
Factories Act	46
Inspections re. Complaints	203
Re-Visits.	316
Drainage..	343
Disinfection and Disinfestation	26
Infectious Diseases	4
Caravans..	17
Slum Clearance Inspections & Revisits	218
Housing Act Visits	<u>8</u>

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR (cont'd).

			Br/fd	2106
Improvement Grants	...	...	...	304
Pet Animals Act..	...	...	...	10
Rodent Control...	...	...	...	20
Food Poisoning...	...	...	...	-
Keeping of Animals	...	...	...	-
Petroleum and Explosives Licensing.				87
Petroleum Tanks Tested.	...	...		9
Agriculture (Safety, Health & Welfare Provisions) Act 1956....				-
Rag Flock Act....	...	...	...	-
Waste Foods Order	...	...	...	1
Clean Air Act	...	...	...	1
Land Charges	...	...	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	219
Total				2758

Conclusion.

Unfortunately, during the year under review Mr. Gerald Hill, a most loyal and conscientious colleague left the service of the Council to take up an appointment with a neighbouring authority and as a result, the work of the Department has fallen off to some extent.

However, the Department continues to function satisfactorily, thanks to a great degree to the systematic efforts of Miss Newton.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES JEFFRIES

Chief Public Health Inspector